

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A parallel chord truss which includes elongate lateral chord members, of which at least one chord member is continuous along the length of the truss, in fixed engagement with a penetrable separating member, the lateral chord members having cross bracing means which permit access to the penetrable member.
2. A parallel chord truss as claimed in claim 1 wherein the lateral chord members are manufactured from a wood laminate such as plywood.
3. A parallel chord truss as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the penetrable separating member is an elongate sheet material in sleeved engagement with each chord member.
4. A parallel chord truss as claimed in claim 3 wherein the separating member is of particle board.
5. A parallel chord truss as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the cross bracing means consists of cross bracing members which are multi toothed nail plate connectors which are nailed at each end thereof to a chord member on at least one side of the truss.
6. A parallel chord truss as claimed in claim 5 wherein the cross bracing members are oriented generally diagonally across the penetrable separating member.

7. A parallel chord truss as claimed in claim 6 wherein the cross bracing member is generally V shaped.
8. A parallel chord truss as claimed in claim 7 wherein apertures in the penetrable separating member are provided in the area of that member defined by the interior of a V shaped cross bracing member such that cabling and the like may pass through these apertures.
9. A parallel chord truss as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein one of the chord members is discontinuous, as is the penetrable separating member between either side of this discontinuity, such that the truss may accommodate an obstacle which can be positioned within an aperture defined by the discontinuity in the chord member and penetrable separating member.
10. A parallel chord truss substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.